

Spittle joins Wycombe

MAIDENHEAD United goalkeeper for three and a half seasons, Peter Spittle, signed on for Wycombe Wanderers on Tuesday night and becomes the fourth 'keeper with the club.

Spittle, 22, joined Wycombe after resigning from United over the weekend, along with Steve Rogers.

Spittle's departure was just one of Maidenhead's problems which started with the resignation of manager Maurice Williams last Wednesday, following a 6-1 defeat by neighbours Slough Town.

Williams was apparently asked to reduce his 18 strong squad and resigned. Four players were also axed—John Grondona, Brian Langfield, Graham Cooper and Dave Procter.

Goalkeeper Spittle came to Maidenhead from St. Albans and has been first choice for three seasons. He has also made several appearances for the Berks and Bucks F.A. He joins John Maskell, Kevin O'Brien and part-time 'keeper Mick Hughes at Loakes Park.

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It seems unlikely, however, that he will replace John Maskell in goal tomorrow (Saturday) when the Blues entertain Sutton United, one place behind Wycombe in the Isthmian League table, on goal average.

Wycombe team news is that there are doubts over Keith Jameson, John Delaney and Tony Horseman. Jameson has gravel in the liver while Delaney was still feeling the effects of a leg injury after coming on as substitute against Wokingham Town on Tuesday. Horseman has a leg injury but should be fit.

After their 4-0 win on Tuesday Wanderers' manager Brian Lee will have problems in selecting his side. Paul Birdseye must surely stay in midfield while Hutchinson seemed happier upfront. However, Tony Amos and Horseman are both bidding for a return to the side.

Sutton are currently unbeaten in nine league matches but have been having some of Wycombe's trouble in attack, where they find scoring goals difficult. Their record looked to be coming to a close last Saturday when they were trailing 1-0 to Bishop's Stortford before the game was abandoned in the 75th minute due to fog.

Graham Dennis is top scorer with 15 goals and the absence of striker Jim Brown has restricted their attack in recent weeks. A Wycombe victory would notch their sixth "double" of the season, having won 2-0 at Gander Green Lane in August.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE (Up to 6/1/73)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hendon	29	24	5	0	67	13	53
Tooting	30	16	9	5	58	24	41
Leatherhd	30	16	6	8	53	24	38
Walthamstw	28	14	10	4	53	24	38
Kingstonian	29	16	6	7	47	34	38
Walton	25	15	5	5	32	15	35
Wycombe	27	16	2	9	43	22	34
Sutton	27	13	8	6	42	26	34
Enfield	28	13	7	8	61	32	33
Bishops S	24	12	8	4	33	16	32
Ilford	31	13	6	12	43	48	32
Woking	28	13	12	11	42	40	30
Dulwich	30	12	6	12	42	42	30
Leystonstne	27	8	10	10	34	37	26
Hayes	25	10	5	10	37	28	25
Hitchin	28	9	5	14	35	51	23
Barking	29	7	5	17	34	52	19
St. Albans	29	5	7	17	28	52	17
Oxford	31	3	6	19	19	78	12
Bromley	28	2	7	19	17	48	11
Clapton	28	2	6	20	24	75	10
Casuals	28	2	5	21	18	74	9